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1. REF.B, USINT REPORTED LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE
ON 1976 IRAQI RICE CROP. IN SUMMARY, THE TELEGRAM REPORTED
AGRICULTURAL MINISTER HASSAN FAHMI JUMA HAD TOLD THE PRESS
IN JANUARY THAT IRAQ'S 1976 RICE-PADDY OUTPUT HAD RISEN TO
164,000 METRIC TONS, COMPARED TO 60,450 METRIC TONS THE
PREVIOUS YEAR. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER STATED THAT THIS CROP
WAS FROM 33,281 HECTARES.

2. FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
PROCESSION OF PADDY INTO POLISHED RICE REDUCES THE TONNAGE
ABOUT 40 PCT. THUS WE ESTIMATE IRAQI PRODUCTION OF POLISHED
RICE FOR 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY 100,000 TONS. GOI ESTIMATES
IRAQ'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS AS 240,000 TONS PER YEAR.
FROM THESE FIGURES WE ESTIMATE CY 1977 IMPORT
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REQUIREMENTS AT 140,000 TONS.

3. GRAIN BOARD OFFICIAL AGAIN CONFIRMED TO USINT
OFFICER THAT GOI HAD PURCHASED 60,000 TONS RICE FROM
U.S. FIRM, INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND DEVELOPMENT,
("INTRADEVCO"). HOWEVER, ADDRESS HE GAVE FOR FIRM
IS SAME FOR LONDON OFFICE OF LOUIS DREYFUS AND

COMPANY. HE REFUSED TO CLARIFY APPARENT CONFUSION AND
ABURPTLY BROKE OFF INTERVIEW AFTER CONSULTATION WITH
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GRAIN BOARD.

4. PAKISTANI-EMBASSY OFFICIALS ALSO CONFIRMS 80,000
TONS PAKISTANI RICE SALE TO IRAQ. DELIVERIES ARE TO
BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST, 1977. IF OI HAS INDEED PURCHASED
60,000 TONS FROM U.S., ARITHMETIC SUGGESTS GOI HAS NOW
PURCHASED CY 77 REQUIREMENTS.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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